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For: METHOD FOR WATER HAMMERLESS OPENING OF FLUID PASSAGE, AND METHOD FOR SUPPLYING CHEMICAL SOLUTIONS AND DEVICE FOR WATER HAMMERLESS OPENING FOR WHICH THE METHOD IS USED) Date: March 17, 2009)))))))

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, this Information Disclosure Statement in connection with the above-identified application is being filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c).

Foreign Patent Document 1, JP 11-118049, is cited and discussed in Amendment (C) filed concurrently herewith. The remaining documents were submitted July 20, 2006 and are hereby being resubmitted due to a technical error. Accordingly, no further comment regarding the disclosures of these documents is believed to be required. A copy of each

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non-U.S. document identified on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A is attached, however, in accordance with Official Gazette Notice dated August 5, 2003, copies of the U.S. patents and patent application publications are not attached.

It is respectfully requested that the attached documents be considered and officially cited, and that the Examiner initial a copy of Form PTO/SB/08A, and return it to the undersigned to indicate that the documents have been considered.

The requisite fee of \$180.00 is attached herewith. It is believed that the present Information Disclosure Statement complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97-8, but the Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1281.

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